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Letter dated 15 February 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council

Annexed hereto is the eighteenth work programme for the Committee established pursuant to paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), which covers the months from January to March 2006 (see annex).

The activities of the Committee will proceed in compliance with the provisions of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1535 (2004), 1566 (2004) and 1624 (2005).

The Committee will continue to work with Member States on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), guided by the principles of cooperation, transparency, equal treatment and consistency in approach. The Committee will remain focused on strengthening the consensus within the international community on the importance of combating terrorism, taking practical measures designed to enhance the counter-terrorism capacity of States; helping to identify and address the problems faced by States in implementing Council resolution 1373 (2001); and contributing to the process of increasing the number of States that are parties to the relevant anti-terrorism international conventions and protocols. In addition, the Committee will take further steps to encourage implementation of Council resolution 1624 (2005).

The Counter-Terrorism Committee welcomes the support it has received from Member States, the United Nations Secretariat and international, regional and subregional organizations and appreciates the contribution by the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Ellen Margrethe **Løj**
Chairman
Security Council Committee established pursuant to
resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

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Annex

Work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (1 January-31 March 2006)

Introduction

1. In December 2005, the Security Council undertook the comprehensive review of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, in compliance with Security Council resolution 1535 (2004). The Council endorsed the review report of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (S/2005/800), which provided guidance for the future work of the Committee and the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate. The present work programme builds on the guidance provided in that report. With a fully operational Executive Directorate and with the backlog of reports having been cleared, the Committee's goal now is to achieve concrete results in the following three areas during the first quarter of 2006:

(a) The Committee will begin the revision of the reporting regime (including addressing the 2005 Summit Outcome recommendation);

(b) The Committee will enhance dialogue with Member States that have indicated needs for assistance in implementing Security Council resolution 1373 (2001);

(c) The Committee will revisit and seek to deepen Counter-Terrorism Committee relations with international, regional and subregional organizations.

2. As also reiterated in the comprehensive review report, the guiding principles of the work of the Committee are those of cooperation, transparency and even-handedness, as well as that of consistency in approach.

3. In order to enhance transparency and dialogue with the broader membership of the United Nations, the Chairman of the Counter-Terrorism Committee will resume the practice of holding regular informal briefings for Member States on the work of the Committee. The first such briefing will be organized shortly after the Committee has adopted the present work programme.

4. The Committee will be assisted in its implementation of the work programme by the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate through implementation in turn of the third work programme of the Executive Directorate (see appendix).

Monitoring implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001)

5. Based on a proposal from the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, the Committee will begin to prepare a technical guide to Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) that will focus on steps for implementing the provisions of the resolution.

6. Based on proposals from the Executive Directorate, the Committee will discuss specific issues regarding implementation of the resolution, including those which have been identified through discussions in the subcommittees.

7. In order to begin addressing the need to update the reporting regime, the Committee will:

(a) Focus the discussions of each State's implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) on preliminary implementation assessments, with a view to developing a more tailored approach to the situation in the different States. The goal is to identify the most appropriate response, including the possibility of sending letters, paying visits upon consent, and engaging with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations. In order to facilitate such a transition, the Committee would welcome from the Executive Directorate a proposal for an updated preliminary implementation assessment model for the Committee's approval;

(b) In cooperation with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999), and based on a proposal from the three expert teams, propose to the Security Council ways to address the recommendation in the 2005 World Summit Outcome that States reporting to the three subsidiary bodies be consolidated.

Continuing effective capacity-building work

8. The Committee will discuss and approve a proposed implementation plan from the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate on how to implement the guidance provided by the Committee on facilitation of technical assistance. The plan will be presented to and discussed by the Committee before the end of January 2006.

9. The Committee would welcome the inclusion in that implementation plan of specific initiatives aimed at enhancing the Committee's work with States to seek agreement on needs for technical assistance to strengthen implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), along with time frames for pursuing such initiatives. A special focus should be on States that have contacted the Committee and/or the Executive Directorate regarding needs for assistance, including proposals from the Executive Directorate on what it has done or intends to do to facilitate assistance to these States.

10. Based on a consolidated and substantial proposal from the Executive Directorate, the Committee will decide on a tentative list of States to be visited in 2006 upon their consent. The purpose of the visits is to provide an opportunity to engage in a detailed discussion to monitor implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) (Security Council resolution 1535 (2004)). The goal is to offer further analysis to States that are already engaged in the fight against terrorism and in the process of implementing Council resolution 1373 (2001) and, if necessary, facilitate assistance to further States implementation of resolution 1373 (2001). Before they take place, the Committee will discuss, based on proposals from the Executive Directorate, a set of terms of reference for the visits, a proposed team composition, and the proposed duration of each visit. The Committee would welcome enhanced cooperation with the Counter-Terrorism Action Group in regard to visits to Member States.

11. The Committee looks forward to receiving regular updates from the Executive Directorate on follow-up to visits that have already taken place. During the first quarter of 2006, the Committee, at a minimum, will discuss follow-up to the visits

to Albania, Kenya, Morocco and Thailand, based on input from the Executive Directorate.

12. If time allows, the Committee will begin preparations of an informal meeting with potential donors/assistance providers, including States that traditionally have not provided such assistance but have developed expertise that they could share with other States.

13. The Committee will discuss and provide guidance on how to enhance the cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations.

14. Based on an options paper from the Executive Directorate, the Committee will decide on and take steps to prepare the next Counter-Terrorism Committee special meeting. The goal is to arrange more result-oriented meetings that add value to the organizations involved in the fight against terrorism on a daily basis. The Committee would welcome proposals from the Executive Directorate focused on enhancing the dialogue with and among specialized organizations and agencies. The Committee would also welcome proposals from the Executive Directorate that focus on the convening of regional practitioner workshops that bring together experts from a particular region, in cooperation with the relevant regional organization, to exchange lessons learned and other information regarding a particular area of implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001).

15. Based on a proposal from the Executive Directorate, the Committee has initiated a discussion on how to develop best practices to assist States in implementing Security Council resolution 1373 (2001). The Committee will seek to conclude this discussion and develop guidance on how to proceed.

Role of the Counter-Terrorism Committee regarding Security Council resolution 1624 (2005)

16. The Committee expects to receive the first reports from Member States on their implementation of Security Council resolution 1624 (2005). Based on advice from the Executive Directorate, the Committee may begin discussion of these reports.

Appendix

Letter dated 15 February 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the Chairman of the Counter-Terrorism Committee

I have the honour to refer to paragraph 15 (f) of document S/2004/124 in which the Counter-Terrorism Committee has requested the Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate to submit through the Secretary-General, the programme of work of the Executive Directorate to the plenary.

I should be grateful if you would bring the attached programme of work to the attention of the members of the Committee (see enclosure).

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

Enclosure

Work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (1 January to 31 March 2006)

Introduction

1. The present document sets out the work programme of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate for its third 90-day period, 1 January to 31 March 2006. It is prepared in accordance with the relevant provisions of the report of the Counter-Terrorism Committee on its revitalization (S/2004/124), including additional tasks assigned to the Executive Directorate in the Committee's report on its comprehensive review of the Executive Directorate (S/2005/800). It also takes into account the work programme of the Committee for its eighteenth 90-day period. The Executive Directorate will assist the Committee in achieving concrete results in the three areas defined in its work programme and will also respond to additional Committee requests that may be proposed during the duration of the plan.

Monitoring implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001)

2. On an ongoing basis, the Executive Directorate will prepare, for the Committee's review, analyses of new reports received from Member States, focusing the analyses on linking specific elements of the resolution with actions already taken or to be taken by Member States. The Executive Directorate will also prepare focused analyses, based on Member States reports, of specific issues in subregional or regional contexts.

3. At the request of the Committee, the Executive Directorate will prepare:

(a) A proposal that will provide a technical guide to Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), focusing on steps for implementing the provisions of the resolution;

(b) Discussion papers on specific issues related to implementation of Council resolution 1373 (2001), including those identified in discussions of the subcommittees;

(c) A proposal for an updated model of a preliminary implementation assessment.

4. The Executive Directorate will continue coordination with experts comprising the Monitoring Team established under Security Council resolution 1526 (2004) and with those of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) to maximize synergies and avoid duplication and overlap, in particular with respect to technical assistance. As requested by the Committee, the Executive Directorate will prepare, in cooperation with the expert teams of the respective Security Council Committees established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1540 (2004), a proposal on ways to address the recommendation in the 2005 World Summit Outcome document that Member States reporting to the three subsidiary bodies be consolidated.

Continuing effective capacity-building work

5. In accordance with the Committee's report on its comprehensive review of the Executive Directorate, a plan on how to implement guidance provided by the Committee on facilitation of technical assistance will be prepared and presented to the Committee for its consideration and approval. As requested by the Committee, the Executive Directorate will also provide information on what has been done or is intended to be done to facilitate technical assistance to Member States that have contacted the Committee and/or the Executive Directorate concerning their need for such assistance.

6. The Executive Directorate, in close cooperation with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations, will conduct two mission visits, already approved by the Committee: one to the United Republic of Tanzania and the other to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. The Executive Directorate will engage in detailed discussions with both States on how to implement Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and how to facilitate the provision of technical assistance for such implementation. The Executive Directorate will prepare and present reports on these mission visits for the Committee's consideration and approval.

7. The Executive Directorate will regularly update the Committee on follow-up to several mission visits that have already taken place, including to Albania, Kenya, Morocco and Thailand.

8. The Executive Directorate will prepare a consolidated proposal to the Committee that substantiates the basis for selecting a proposed list of Member States to be visited in 2006 with their consent.

9. The Executive Directorate will continue to advise the Committee on the development of best practices in all areas of relevance to Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and will continue to assist Member States in implementation of the resolution. As a follow-up to its general overview paper, the Executive Directorate will also prepare and present to the Committee a proposal on how to proceed with collection, analysis, development and dissemination of best practices.

Cooperation with donors: States and international, regional and subregional organizations

10. The Executive Directorate will further strengthen cooperation with donor Member States and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to improve their capacities to assist Member States in implementing Security Council resolution 1373 (2001). The Executive Directorate will enhance cooperation with the Counter-Terrorism Action Group in regard to visits to Member States.

11. The Executive Directorate will visit the CARICOM secretariat to engage that organization in efforts to assist its members in implementing Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1624 (2005) and other relevant Security Council resolutions. The Executive Directorate will also discuss with the CARICOM secretariat how its members could benefit from the provision of technical assistance to help them fulfil the provisions of relevant Security Council resolutions.

12. Upon adoption by the Committee of decisions concerning cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations, the Executive Directorate will

prepare an action plan for implementing those decisions, which will be submitted to the Committee for adoption.

13. At the request of the Committee, the Executive Directorate will also prepare:

(a) Proposals concerning the organization of an informal meeting with potential donors and/or assistance providers, including Member States that traditionally have not provided such assistance but have demonstrated an expertise that they would be prepared to share with other States;

(b) An options paper on a more results-oriented Counter-Terrorism Committee special meeting focused on enhancing the dialogue with and among specialized organizations and agencies; it would include proposals on the possible convening of regional practitioner workshops to exchange lessons learned and other information focused on a particular area of implementing Security Council resolution 1373 (2001);

(c) An information document on interaction with subregional organizations in Africa.

Implementation of Security Council resolution 1624 (2005)

14. The Executive Directorate will advise the Committee on ways to consider reports from Member States on their implementation of Security Council resolution 1624 (2005).

Other activities

15. On a monthly basis, the Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate will continue to inform the Committee about his work and will keep it informed on the progress of Member States in implementing Security Council resolution 1373 (2001); this will allow adequate follow-up on progress being made in the global fight against terrorism.

16. The Executive Directorate will continue to ensure follow-up to the decisions of the Committee, monitor their execution and evaluate their results.

17. The Executive Directorate will continue to participate in the work of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force established by the Secretary-General.

18. In accordance with the Committee's report on its comprehensive review of the Executive Directorate, a plan for implementing the policy guidance adopted by the Committee on a communication strategy will be prepared and presented to the Committee for its consideration and approval. Particular attention will be paid to focusing on Member States as the priority target audience and on updating and revising the Committee website and the directory of assistance.

Administrative activities

19. The Executive Directorate will present its 2006 special political mission budget to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in

February 2006 and will explain its request for financial resources to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly in March 2006.

20. The Executive Directorate will fully implement all remaining recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services stemming from the management audit of 3 November 2005.

21. The Executive Directorate will launch its operational database on 30 January 2006 as a platform for sharing information, as appropriate, with the staff of the respective Security Council Committees established pursuant to resolutions 1267 and 1540. It will also serve as a base for transitioning to an enterprise content management system that is expected to become the standard database platform throughout the United Nations system for storing, managing, sharing and general handling of all forms of data and information.

22. The Executive Directorate will issue formal guidelines on the proper handling, storage and access to sensitive data and it will complete physical security measures to protect the staff, premises and materials of the Executive Directorate by the end of March 2006.

23. The Executive Directorate staff will be trained on all mandatory United Nations programmes related to safety and security, ethics and harassment issues. In addition, all Executive Directorate staff will receive training on the Performance Appraisal System (PAS), in connection with the Executive Directorate's implementation of the United Nations personnel evaluation system, including the establishment of all relevant internal Executive Directorate committees for monitoring PAS in accordance with programmes mandated by the General Assembly.